

The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin Commissioner

October 27, 2004

David Borden Treasurer People's Laundry, Inc. P.O. Box 751 Keene, New Hampshire 03431

CERTIFIED MAIL (7099 3400 0018 1290 3091) RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

NOTICE OF PAST VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Borden:

On May 20, 2004, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resources Division ("DES") conducted a compliance inspection at People's Laundry, Inc. ("Company") in Keene, NH. The purpose of the inspection was to determine Company's compliance status with NH Administrative Rules Env-A 100 et seq. and State Permit #FP-S-0093, effective October 5, 1999 to October 31, 2004 ("the Permit"). The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the violations discovered during the May 20, 2004 inspection and subsequent file review. The specific violations are as follows:

- 1. Company is required by permit condition III.B. to consume no more than 150,000 gallons of #4 fuel oil during any consecutive 12-month period. Records maintained by Company indicate that it exceeded this limit for maximum total fuel consumption by 29,312 gallons in calendar year 2001, 38,665 gallons in calendar year 2002, and 50,207 gallons in calendar year 2003; and
- 2. Company is prohibited by permit condition III.C. from operating its boilers more than ten (10) hours during any 24-hour period. Records maintained by Company indicate that the boilers are operated from eight (8) to 20 hours per day averaging 12 hours of operation per day.

The purpose of this NOPV is to document the violations noted during the May 20, 2004 inspection. On July 28, 2004, Company filed an application to renew the Permit and requested an increase in allowable fuel consumption. DES is performing air dispersion modeling to determine whether such a change would cause any violation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Should similar types of violations reoccur after the Permit is renewed, *i.e.*, should Company exceed the renewed Permit's fuel consumption limit, and DES determines that enforcement action is necessary, such action may include issuing an administrative order, seeking administrative fines, and/or referring this matter to the New Hampshire Department of Justice for civil and/or criminal penalties.

If you believe that DES has cited these violations in error, or have questions regarding these matters, please contact Mary Ruel at (603) 271-6795, Compliance Bureau, Air Resources Division. A current copy of the Air Resource Division rules can be obtained from the DES website at http://www.des.state.nh.us/rules/air.htm, or by contacting the Public Information Center at (603) 271-2975.

Sincerely,

Pamela G. Monroe

Compliance Bureau Administrator

Air Resources Division

cc:

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